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RICK JOHNSON NAMED SOCIETY OF ANIMAL WELFARE ADMINISTRATORS 2013 BOARD CHAIR

Rick Johnson, CEO, Sacramento SPCA will serve through November 2014

March 22, 2013 – Surprise, AZ – Members of the Society of Animal Welfare Administrators elected Rick Johnson, CEO, Sacramento SPCA, as their Board Chair for 2013.

Rick began his service on the SAWA Board in November 2011. He is a prior Board President of the State Humane Association of California and currently a member of the Humane Society of the United States Companion Animal Advisory Committee, The Grey Muzzle Advisory Committee, and the Hill’s Pet Nutrition Advisory Committee.

Rick has served on numerous committees with the California Veterinary Medical Association and UC Davis Veterinary School. Prior to working at the Sacramento SPCA he worked at the Marin Humane Society for 25 years and was the Director of the Animal Law Enforcement Training Academy for 19 years.

Rick has already begun work to lead the board to deliver strategic priorities, including convening dialogue with the veterinary community leadership and research experts; expanding opportunities for professional certification; further developing channels of communication to support all member needs and interests; and continuing SAWA core services of education, mentoring, and networking.

About Society of Animal Welfare Administrators (SAWA)
The Society of Animal Welfare Administrators (SAWA) is a non-profit individual membership organization of international professionals in animal welfare, care & control, dedicated to the growth and prestige of our industry. SAWA was founded in 1970 by six directors of humane organizations located throughout the United States, wanting to collaborate with other executives to share their professional concerns and ideas.

SAWA strives to advocate humane ideals through professional advancement of members. Animal welfare leaders network with peers, establish mentor relationships, share best practices, form successful collaborations, and advance the field.

For more information, visit www.sawanetwork.org.

About Sacramento Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Sacramento SCPA)
The Sacramento Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Sacramento SCPA) was established in 1894 and is dedicated to ensuring the humane treatment of all animals in the Sacramento area. SSPCA provides a safe and nurturing environment for unwanted, abandoned and mistreated pets until they can be placed into loving homes. Through proactive intervention,
public education and community outreach, the Sacramento SPCA seeks to promote respect for all life by breaking the cycle of abuse, neglect and pet overpopulation in our communities.

These accomplishments happen without any government, state or city funding. The Sacramento SPCA is a local, independent non-profit organization and is supported through private contributions.

For more information, visit www.sspca.org.

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